

MAKES DEMAND FOR PROTECTION OF U. S. TRADE

Executive Board of Chamber of Commerce of United States Pleads for Encouragement to American Exporters

PREPAREDNESS ALSO DISCUSSED

Vocational Training, Maintenance of Resale Prices, Seaman's Act and Eight Hour Day Among Problems Taken Up

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Discussion of the United States preparedness program, vocational training, maintenance of resale prices, the seaman's act, and a controversy over the eight hour day, which has been said to threaten the entire railway traffic of the country, occupied the time of the executive board of the chamber of commerce of the United States in session today.

Encouragement to American exporters and protection to footholds already gained in foreign trade were demanded of congress in a resolution adopted by the directorate. The action arose, it was asserted, over the amending and distorting of a bill in the house of representatives calling for greater scope in the consular service in a commercial capacity and to increase the pay of consular agents.

The eight hour day controversy was left to a committee. Much importance was attached to legislation affecting maintenance of resale prices. A referendum of the sub-committee's report was ordered submitted to the membership. Recommendations were made requesting the federal government to make applications for vocational training throughout the states. The creation of a federal board to administer the national functions of vocational education was urged.

THE STEWART HAS RETURNED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN DIEGO, March 16.—The torpedo boat destroyer Stewart, which was dispatched to Ensenada at midnight last night by Admiral Cameron Melt, Winslow, returned to port tonight. Lieut. Bernard Williams, commander, reported normal conditions prevailing at the Lower California port. Lieut. Williams informed Admiral Winslow that news of the movement of American troops into Mexico in pursuit of Villa had been received by the military and civilian population of Ensenada without any outward sign of indignation. This report set at rest fears that an anti-American demonstration might occur. There are only about 20 Americans in Ensenada, but a number of others are in the immediate vicinity, Lieut. Williams said.

HOLLAND-LOYD LINERS SUNK EITHER BY MINE OR SUBMARINE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, March 16.—The Holland-Lloyd passenger steamer Tumbana sank early today off the Noord-Hinder lightship as the result of striking a mine or an attack by a submarine.

All the passengers, among whom are said to have been several Americans, and the members of the crew, are believed to have been rescued. The steamer carried between 50 and 60 passengers and a crew of 200. She was a vessel of 15,000 tons.

The Tumbana left Amsterdam Wednesday for the river Plate and was to have stopped at Falmouth for additional passengers and freight. Early this morning wireless distress calls from the steamer were received at the Hook of Holland and torpedo boats and other craft rushed to her assistance. Some of these boats reached the steamer before she sank and took off passengers and members of the crew, while others picked up survivors from the ships' boats in which they had taken refuge after the explosion.

The first flashes from the liner said she had been torpedoed and was in a sinking condition near the Noord-Hinder lightship. Later messages credited the disaster to the vessel coming in contact with a mine.

Among the American passengers said to have been on board the Tumbana was Richard Schilling, described as an American consul, and his wife and daughter.

Seventy survivors of the disaster were taken into Flushing, Holland, by two torpedo boats. Others took refuge on board the lightship, while still others were picked up by the Dutch and Swedish steamers. Those arriving at Flushing said the explosion occurred at 2:30 o'clock this morning, just as the Tumbana was about to drop anchor. Opin-

GERMANS ARE AGAIN REPULSED BY FRENCH IN VERDUN FIGHTING

JAP MINISTER SLAIN MURDERER THEN SUICIDES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 16.—Rev. Tsutsumi Kawata, in charge of the Japanese Congregational mission here, was shot to death tonight by A. Harashima, a Japanese employed on a Montecito estate. The shooting took place in the pastor's home and there were no witnesses to what may have led to it. When Kawata's wife rushed in, Harashima stepped into an adjoining room where he committed suicide. About year ago Harashima was badly beaten in an altercation with another Japanese and spent a considerable period in the hospital. He is known to have harbored revenge and the theory among the local Japanese is that he held Kawata responsible for his former adversary having left the city.

JACK OF SPADES DEATH WARNING TO GOV. SPRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SALT LAKE CITY, March 16.—The jack of spades, the death warning of the "K. O. D." a mysterious organization which has been threatening the life of Governor William Spry, has been received at the office of Governor Spry. The governor is in New York. His secretary, John K. Hardy, opened an envelope addressed to the governor, the jack of spades fell out.

Six months ago, Governor Spry received among the thousands of letters threatening him with death in the event of the execution of Joseph Hillstrom, the I. W. W. leader, several of which were signed "D. O. D." In each of these letters this statement was made: "When you receive the jack of spades you will know that your time has come. Your death will follow."

Following the execution of Hillstrom, the threatening letters ceased coming to the governor until about two weeks ago, when he began to receive a number of particularly vicious letters from all parts of the United States. Following these came the jack of spades. The envelope containing this dire card was mailed in Salt Lake.

In the governor's mail have come from Chicago a number of postcards containing a picture of the body of Hillstrom, showing the wounds made by the Utah firing squad when it executed Hillstrom. These postcards bear the inscription: "Murdered by the authorities of Utah. We never forget." The governor's office is informed that thousands of these postcards have been mailed from Chicago to all parts of the country.

CAVALRY LEAVES KANSAS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
TOPEKA, Kans., March 16.—Companies G and F of the Twelfth Cavalry from Fort Robinson, Nebraska, passed through here today on their way to the Mexican border. A band and a machine-gun troop accompanied the cavalry. Colonel R. G. Slick was in charge.

And Senator Owen Eulogizes Work of the Administration

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CONCORD, N. H., March 16.—A detailed eulogy of the work of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government under democratic control was delivered by United States Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma at a Jackson day dinner of New Hampshire democrats here tonight. Senator Owen took up the important measures passed by congress since the inauguration of President Wilson, summarizing his conclusions thus:

"All these bills—the tariff bill, the federal reserve act, the Clayton anti-trust bill, the federal trade commission bill, the seaman's act—have had one purpose: the promotion of common good, the abatement of monopoly, the betterment of mankind, the lowering of the cost of living and the greater happiness of all our people.

"Perhaps the greatest accomplish-

This Is Net Result of German Infantry Attack Launched After Heavy Bombardment of French Positions

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
Repulse at the hands of the French again has been the net result of a German infantry attack launched after a heavy bombardment against French positions at Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun. The Germans, who attacked in serried masses, were driven eastward toward the Bois des Corbeaux, where the French guns inflicted heavy casualties on them.

The attack at Le Mort Homme constituted the only infantry maneuver along the entire French front, but on both sides has been active at numerous points. Around Douaumont and the village of Vaux the big guns are operating with redoubled violence, while southward in the Woëvre the artillery duels in the Meuse hills continue.

In the Argonne forest the French guns still are shelling the German positions northwest of the road from Varennes and German batteries near Mont Faucon.

The latest German official communication making reference to French attempts "to dispute our possession of the height of Le Mort Homme," has brought forth a statement that the Germans never have gained a footing on the hill, which the French still hold. Only engagements between patrols have taken place on the Russian front.

The Italians continue strongly on the offensive against the Austrians on the Isonzo front, especially on the Poleska heights sector and southwest of San Martino. On Podgora the Italians entered the Austrian lines, but according to Vienna were repulsed in vicious hand to hand fighting.

Both Austrians and Italians claim successes around San Martino. The Austrians assert that an Italian attack in this sector failed and that the Italians left numerous dead on the field. The Italian official statement declares that after severe artillery and musketry preparation the Austrians launched two strong attacks and succeeded in reaching the edge of the trenches taken from them recently, but were on each occasion repulsed.

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STAGE ALL SET FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE WORK

Sweeping Aside Intervention Issues, Congress Prepares for Action On Defense Measures Urgently Pressed By President

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 16.—Sweeping aside intervening issues, congress set the stage today for prompt action on the national defense measures urgently pressed by President Wilson since the session began.

The house voted unanimously for a special rule under which the army increase bill will be taken up at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, with passage by Saturday night in prospect. A ten hour limit for general debate was fixed despite the fact that the bill is the most far reaching military measure ever favorably reported to the body.

The senate military committee completed its final copy of the senate army increase bill and it was in the hands of the printer tonight. Senator Chamberlain, with the administration's influence behind him, will insist that it be taken up promptly, displacing the water power bill now under consideration unless the latter reaches a vote in a few days. The senate measure in some respects proposes an even more drastic change in military policy than is provided for in the house bill.

Indications are that the point conference committee which will adjust the two bills and frame the final measure, will be at work within three weeks. The legislative work of the army increase project may be an accomplished fact within another month.

While the naval program has appeared to progress more slowly, possibly it will be completed sooner than the army projects. The increase bills for the army, known as organization bills, are distinct from the appropriation measures which will provide money to carry out the authorized plans. These will have to be framed and passed after the passage of the organization bills.

The navy bill, under hearings for months before the house committee, is composite, including the appropriations as well as the program. Hearings will end about April 1 and the

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AMERICAN TROOPS NEARING HIDING PLACE OF VILLA

Tells of Escape From Villa and Murder of Five Men

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
EL PASO, March 16.—Sam Hess, an American employed on Corralitos ranch in Chihuahua, reached here today with a story of a hairbreadth escape from Villa bandits after he had watched them murder five Mexicans and carry off a young girl as their prisoner.

Hess, who has only one leg, was looking after some horses and mules in the yard of the ranch last Sunday when the Villistas appeared. They immediately shot down one of the ranch-

SNIPERS PICK OFF TROOPERS SEEKING VILLA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
COLUMBUS, N. M., March 16.—(via mail to El Paso).—While most of the reports reaching here unofficially today from the Mexican border indicated that the American troops in Mexico were unmolested in their advance, there were also reports that a few snipers had been encountered. There was nothing to show which of the American columns might have encountered snipers.

According to these reports, six or seven soldiers of the American expedition had been hit by snipers.

Troop trains came in here during the night and Columbus awoke today to find the camp had grown considerably in population since last evening. Quartermaster wagons led constantly over the road to the south during the day.

In a sage brush plain off to the side of the camp a number of aeroplanes were fired out. Curiously, although a flying machine had never been seen here before yesterday evening, today the residents of Columbus scarcely took the trouble to look at them. None of the aviators have yet joined the advance columns, so far as could be ascertained here.

SECRECY STILL SURROUNDS ALL TROOP MOVES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 16.—An impenetrable wall of secrecy surrounded tonight the movements of American troops beyond the Mexican border. So far as official Washington was advised the columns might have vanished into thin air after they crossed the international border yesterday in pursuit of Villa. Even the commander-in-chief, President Wilson, did not know where General Pershing's men were.

Secretary Baker received virtually no reports from General Pershing dealing with events beyond the border. Late today he said he did not know whether the troops had proceeded southward from their first advance on Mexican soil last night. The only dispatch from the border made public during the day reported the death of Lieutenant Zell, Eleventh cavalry, at the Columbus hospital, where he took his own life in a fit of despondency.

Army officials were convinced that no important developments were to be expected for several days. It seemed plain from the day's accumulation of rumors that Villa was far to the south of his American pursuers.

The war department would not divulge any details of the number of

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Seventh and Tenth United States Cavalry Said to Be Approaching the Villa Territory in the Casas Grandes Region

WITH MINIMUM OF EQUIPMENT

Troops Are Led By Scouts from Mormon Colonies—If Villa Intends to Offer Resistance He Should Be Encountered Soon

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
EL PASO, Texas, March 16.—The Seventh and Tenth cavalry, said to be advancing into Mexico by forced marches from Culbertson's ranch near Hachita, N. M., were nearing the Villa territory in the Casas Grandes region tonight, according to the most reliable information which could be obtained here.

These troops were reported to be marching with the minimum of equipment and to be led by scouts from the Mormon colonies at Colonia, Dublin and Colonia Morales. From their point of departure the distance is eighty-five miles to Casas Grandes and the start was made early yesterday morning. If Villa intends to offer any organized resistance to his pursuers it might be possible for United States soldiers to come in contact with his outlying posts very soon.

The American expedition is penetrating Mexico under ideal weather conditions. The hot season will not be reached for a month or six weeks, and if the windmill wells are not dried up, the water supply situation should be relieved.

Definite information that the Mormon settlements with their 500 American men, women and children were safe and unmolested was brought here today by Daniel Hurst, son of P. H. Hurst, the Mormon bishop resident here. Mr. Hurst brought news understood to be of much military importance, which was forwarded to General Pershing. Hurst refused to make public its nature or details.

According to Hurst, Villa has at most 400 men, some of whom are wounded. He said also that it was not believed in the Mormon colonies that the bandit

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Wilson Defense Plans Shams And Are Wholly Inadequate

—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

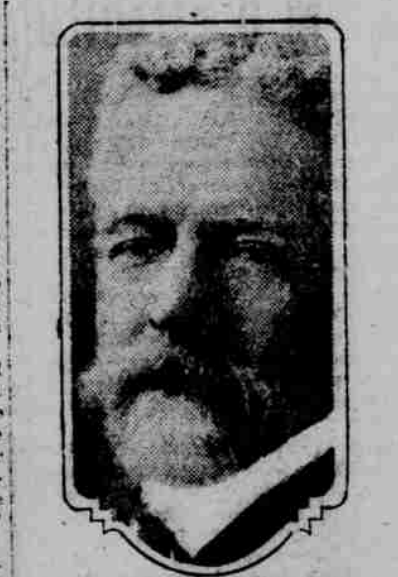
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LYNN, Mass., March 16.—The administration at Washington was criticized severely tonight by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in an address during which he announced himself a candidate for re-election. He spoke before the Lynn republican club.

"In my own opinion," he said, "with the exception of the administration of Buchanan, there has been no administration in power which has been so injurious to the United States, both at home and abroad, as that now in control at Washington."

After condemning the tariff and taxation legislation enacted by a democratic congress, Senator Lodge turned to the foreign policies of the administration. He said the plans for national defense suggested by President Wilson "proved on analysis to be partly shams and wholly inadequate."

Continuing he said: "The responsibility for the condition in Mexico rests largely on the government of the United States. The present administration found Mexican and American relations in bad condition. They have made these bad conditions infinitely worse."

"The result of the president's war against General Huerta was the destruction of the only government that offered any prospect of order or peace or responsibility. The murderers and bandits favored by the administration



Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

in preference to General Huerta, who also was a murderer, have been despoiling the country and fighting among themselves ever since. Out of this miserable tragedy one thing commands our attention above all others. Americans have been murdered in Mexico; soldiers serving the American uniform have been shot on the soil of the United States.

"The Americans robbed and slain in Mexico were entitled to our protection both for their property and their lives. They have had none. Within a week, Mexicans have invaded the United States, attacked an American town and killed American citizens and American soldiers. What is the inevitable result of our failure to protect Americans in their rights everywhere by land and sea?"

With reference to the administration's policy in the European war, Senator Lodge said that when "the neutral rights of Belgium were shamefully disregarded," the United States was the great neutral power.

"We made no attempt," he went on to "write under our leadership all the neutral powers of Europe and America in defense of neutral rights. Such a league would have had a powerful influence and prevented some of the horrors of the war and saved us from some of the difficult and dangerous controversies which now menace us."

"More than a hundred American men, women and children, rightfully on board the Lusitania, were sent to their death without warning and nothing has yet been done except pour out words and carry on inconclusive negotiations for eight months."

No Resentment Shown Against The Americans in Cananea

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NOGALES, March 16.—American arrivals here late today from Cananea said that while tension there has been noticeable recently, no popular resentment against Americans had manifested itself up to this morning. They said they believed that the Carranza garrison there had not been apprised of the departure of the American expedition.

Reports here yesterday that two American miners had been stoned to death at Puerto Citas, near Cananea, were denied by today's arrivals. It was said, however, that two Mexicans recently had been put to death at that place by Carranza troops, presumably as spies.

The mines and smelters were reported working at full force.

Both Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales,

BOX CARS FOR REFUGEES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LAREDO, Texas, March 16.—Traveling the entire distance in box cars, Consul C. A. Williams and eighty-six other Americans arrived here late today from Torreon, Mexico, having left the Mexican city, they said, because they were convinced it was the best thing to do. Eleven Americans joined the party at Monterrey.

There were a number of American women in the party, including Mrs. Williams. Consul Williams said he would remain at Laredo or near the Mexican border pending instructions from the state department. Other members of the party said a few unmarried American men remained in Torreon. Durango City, it was said by several of the American refugees, is cut off entirely from all manner of communication with the outside. There are said to be at least twenty Americans there.

CAJES TAKES PRISONER WHO HAS PLANS OF VILLA IN DETAIL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
DOUGLAS, March 16.—General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, reported officially to General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican war minister, today that his command had captured a prisoner who revealed Villa's plans and whereabouts in detail. Copies of this report, General Calles said, were forwarded to General Gavi by him and to the United States army officers at Columbus.

The man was captured at Dos Cabezas and was in the attack on Columbus. Calles said, and added: "He informs me that Villa after the attack went directly to the Corralitos ranch where he murdered sev-

en cowboys because they refused to give him horses. From Corralitos he went to Chocolate, where he stopped on the thirteenth. From there he went direct to Gualaquiza."

This is the first prisoner known to have been captured since Villa's raid. He is being held in Agua Prieta.

Three hundred thousand rounds of rifle ammunition, the first shipment of a consignment of 700,000 rounds, will be delivered tomorrow to General Calles by the local customs officials. The cartridges are to be used by the detachment of Carranza soldiers led by Colonel Dato Campbell, former commander of the Mexican marines at Agua Prieta, in aiding United States troops to capture Francisco Villa and his bandits.

The ammunition, which has been held up here by customs officials since Sunday, was released late today by orders from Washington. This action in aiding the de facto troops to obtain the cartridges, it was declared by Ives Levelev, Mexican consul here, would be of material benefit in assuring many residents of Sonora that the United States intended no aggressive action against the Mexican government.

"It proves," he added, "that the American government has confidence in the intention of the Mexican government to cooperate with the United States soldiers in pursuing the bandits of Villa. Many Mexicans have believed that the ammunition would be held up indefinitely."

According to Mr. Levelev, the remainder of the ammunition purchased by the de facto government should reach Douglas within a day or two by express. It is to be sent immediately upon arrival to the Carranza troops operating in eastern Sonora to cut off Villa's retreat in that direction.